

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 (in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,106) and 112. Claims 1-18 have been canceled, without prejudice. Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 24, line 26 through page 28, line 7. It is submitted that the new claims are distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,106, and are definite.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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